

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GOVERNMENT

VS.

CRIMINAL NOS. 3:23CR62 AND 3:23CR63

CHRISTIAN LEE DEDMON

DEFENDANT

**TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING**

BEFORE THE HONORABLE TOM S. LEE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

MARCH 20, 2024  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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1 time. I want to tell Mr. Eddie and Mr. Parker how sorry I am  
2 for what they went through, what they are going through and  
3 what they will go through forever.

4 The lies I told on them, I will never forgive myself for  
5 it. The pain I caused them, I will never forgive myself for  
6 it. If I could take every bit of it back, I promise you I  
7 would, or if I could take it myself, I would.

8 Sir, I got into law enforcement not as a devil. I really  
9 wanted to make a difference in my community. I stand before  
10 you today, 29 years old, with a sound mind that I can make  
11 choices for myself, sir. As my attorney said, there was a  
12 culture of doing things, and I'm probably the only person 28  
13 years old that was ever promoted to narcotics investigator in a  
14 county as big as Rankin as fast as I was, and it was because  
15 instead of choosing to do the right thing, I chose to be a  
16 show-off for an expectation of the ones that came before me and  
17 became my boss. That is not an excuse, but it is the truth,  
18 sir.

19 I take full responsibility for what I done. Mr. McAlpin,  
20 Mr. Middleton, Mr. Elward, Mr. Opdyke, nobody made me do the  
21 things I done, and I will live with them for the rest of my  
22 life.

23 With respect to the I-20 incident, sir, the things I pled  
24 guilty to against Mr. Schmidt, I did. I shot into the ground  
25 to scare him, to tell me where stolen property was of a very